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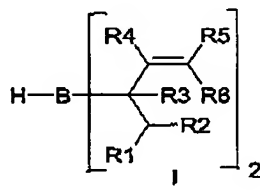
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

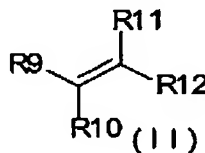
Claims 8-10 (Withdrawn)

11.(Currently Amended) A process for preparing boronic [[acids]] acid esters by reaction of a diene with sodium borohydride in the presence of [[an]] a first oxidant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl halide, a dialkyl sulfate, and mixtures thereof to form the corresponding bis(allyl)borane of the formula (I) ~~as described in claim 4~~



wherein R¹-R⁶ are H, aryl or substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₄-alkyl or two of the radicals R¹-R⁶ may be closed to form a cyclic system.

and further reaction of the borane (I) with an appropriate alkene (II) or alkyne (IV) to

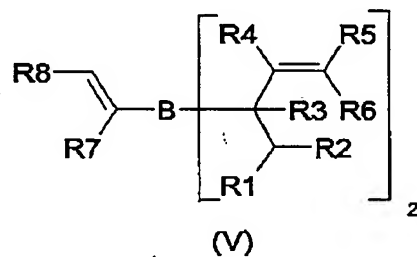
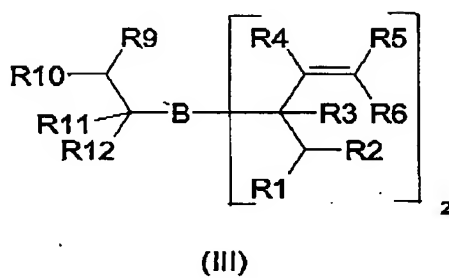
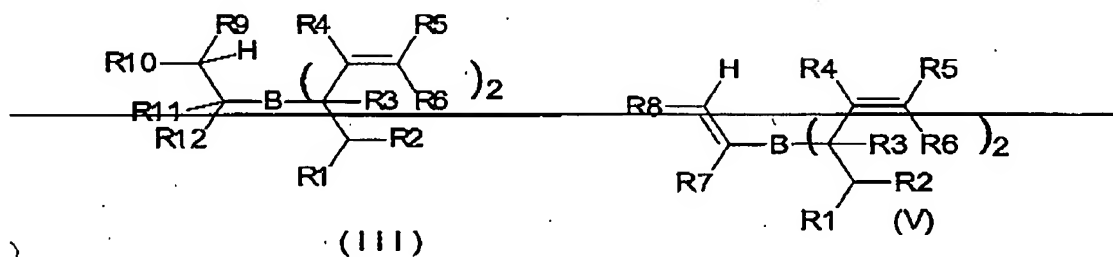


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alkylbis(allyl)borane (III) or alkenylbis(allyl)borane (V)



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wherein the radicals R⁷ to R¹² are: aryl, substituted or unsubstituted, alkyl-(C₁-C₈), which may be branched and/or substituted, alkoxy-(C₁-C₈), acyloxy-(C₁-C₈), O-phenyl, fluorine, chlorine, NO₂, NH₂, NHalkyl-(C₁-C₈), Nalkyl₂-(C₁-C₈), CN, CHO, SO₃H, SO₃R, SO₂NH₂, SO₂N(alkyl-(C₁-C₈))₂, SO₂-alkyl-(C₁-C₈), COO-alkyl-(C₁-C₈), CONH₂, CO-alkyl-(C₁-C₈), NHCHO, CF₃, 5-membered heteroaryl or 6-membered heteroaryl, where two of radicals R⁷ to R¹² may also form a cyclic ring system which may contain heteroatoms

which is oxidized directly and directly oxidizing the alkylbis(allyl)borane (III) or alkenylbis(allyl)borane (V) in the presence of [[an]] a second oxidant to form the corresponding bisallyl alkylboronate or alkenylboronate and, if desired, subsequent conversion into a derivative.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

13. The process as claimed in claim 11, wherein the second oxidant [[used]] is selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, acetone, glyoxal, [[or]] diacetyl, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn)

15.(New) The process of claim 11, further comprising hydrolyzing the boronic acid esters to form boronic acids